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TO: ALL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: Town of Woodloch (DWSRF Project No. 62737) – Water System Improvements Project

The attached document is being provided for your information. This is not a permit application. No action is required from your agency.

The attached document is an environmental determination issued by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for a proposed project to be funded through the TWDB. Pursuant to the environmental assessment requirements of 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 371, the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action described in the attached documents may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements. A review by TWDB staff included a consideration of potential environmental impacts and permitting requirements. If there were any concerns about particular regulations or permits, the appropriate regulatory agency would have been contacted for clarification, and this would be described in the attached environmental determination.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.



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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the state environmental review process adopted in the rules of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 371, Subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S. Code § 4321, et seq., the Executive Administrator of the Board has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

Town of Woodloch, Montgomery County, Texas Hydropneumatic Tank No. 1 Replacement DWSRF Project No. 62737 Total Anticipated TWDB Commitment Amount: \$200,000

The Town of Woodloch (Town) is proposing to use funding from a \$200,000 DWSRF loan to replace older portions of their water distribution system. Specifically, the Town plans to: (1) replace Hydropneumatic Tank No. 1; (2) replace Hydropneumatic Tank No. 2; and (3) conduct improvements at their existing Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The existing WTP is in advanced stages of deterioration. Proposed improvements at the existing WTP include, but are not limited to: demolition of an existing ground storage tank, installation of new booster pumps, a new air compressor system, installation or replacement of yard piping, coatings, and updates to controls. In addition, the project will require fittings and all necessary appurtenances, including foundation repairs. This loan will fund the planning, design, and construction portions of the project.

All project work will be conducted within an existing facility site. There are no significant or potentially significant archaeological sites within or adjacent to the project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the project within a protected area surrounding an historic cemetery, structure, or district. The project will not adversely impact wetlands or waters of the U.S. that are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, construction within the existing facility site is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

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This decision is allowed because the specified project elements should not entail significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination shall be revoked if it is found that:

- (1) the project no longer meets the requirements for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) the project involves extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC Chapter 371, Subchapter E; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project also must comply with the following conditions:

- standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources; and
- standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

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